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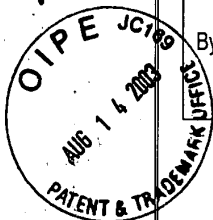
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

AKIRA KOMORIYA and BEVERLY S. PACKARD

Application No.: 09/747,287

Filed: 12/22/2000

For: **HOMO-DOUBLY LABELED
COMPOSITIONS FOR THE DETECTION
OF ENZYME ACTIVITY IN BIOLOGICAL
SAMPLES**

Examiner: Chih-Min Kam

Art Unit: 1653

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months.

REMARKS

In the April 9, 2003 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-12 and 24-31, drawn to a fluorogenic composition comprising a polypeptide backbone;

Group II: Claims 1, and 13-31, drawn to a fluorogenic composition comprising a nucleic acid backbone;

Group III: Claims 32-46, drawn to a mammalian cell comprising a fluorogenic composition comprising a polypeptide backbone or a nucleic acid backbone;